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## SC lays down norms for computation of accident claim

**NEW DELHI, OCT 31 (PTI):** In a path-breaking verdict, the Supreme Court today held that 'future prospect' of a person killed in a road accident would be considered while awarding compensation to the dependents and laid down standard criteria for computation of such claims.

A five-judge constitution bench headed by Chief Justice Dipak Misra was faced with a vexatious question whether dependents of a road accident victim, who was either self-employed or working on a fixed salary in private or unorganised sector, can get enhanced compensation after addition of certain percentage of the salary drawn by the deceased under the head of 'future prospect'.

Accepting the principle of standardisation, it said, "while determining the income, an addition of 50 per cent of actual salary to the income of the deceased towards future prospects, where the deceased had a permanent job and was below the age of 40 years, should be made.

"The addition should be 30 per cent, if the age of the deceased was below 30 years, and 20 per cent, if the age was above 40 years," it said.

## Delhi HC sets aside election of Praful Patel as AIFF president

**NEW DELHI, OCT 31 (PTI):** The Delhi High Court today set aside the election of Praful Patel, who was last year elected as the president of All India Football Federation (AIFF) for a four-year term, his third successive tenure.

The court set aside the elections saying they were held without following the National Sports Code.

A bench of justices S Ravindra Bhat and Najmi Waziri also appointed former chief election commissioner (CEC) S Y Quraishi as an administrator to look into the functioning of the AIFF.

The court's order came on a plea by advocate Rahul Mehra contending that the elections of the federation were held contrary to the National Sports Code.

Patel, former civil aviation minister, was elected for the post in December last year along with the Executive Committee for the term 2017-2020 after the high court had vacated a stay on elections.

## Code of Conduct causing delay in Singtam landslide restoration works

**YOGEN THATAL SINGTAM, 31 OCT:**

Delay in initiating restoration and protective measures at Singtam where a landslide occurred on 25 Sept [the date was erroneously mentioned as 26 Oct in a recent report in Summit Times] is causing worry among local residents. Code of Conduct for the upcoming Panchayat election is being cited as the reason for the delay.

It may be recalled that the landslide had damaged the footpath to Singtam Senior Secondary School from Singtam market along with some houses in the area.

While no events of debris sliding down the affected area have been reported in the last 35 days, the residents are



complaining that the authorities are yet to come up with protective measures to ensure that no

further damage is caused. According to local resident Neeraj Pradhan there were two slides on that day.

"The first one that occurred at around 02 a.m. in the morning was small but the second one at around 05.30 p.m. in the evening was quite big," he shared.

Mr Pradhan's house along with several other houses has been damaged by the landslide.

"We fear that the remaining chunk of land will slide again," shared another resident Ongdup Lepcha.

Sub Divisional Magistrate [Rangpo], Mahesh Sharma along with Ward No 02. Councillor, Ram Naresh Prasad visited the affected area a day later and reportedly

'assured' the residents of building a protection wall to prevent further damage to the houses in the area.

However the authorities have said that the construction work will be delayed because of the 'Code of Conduct' in place at the moment for the upcoming Panchayat Election.

"We have informed the Area MLA and Minister for Food Security, Sonm Nath Poudyal about the incident and he is very concerned about the affected residents," Ward No.02 Councillor, Ram Naresh Prasad has said.

According to Mr Prasad, Mr Poudyal has assured that work on the wall will start as soon as the Panchayat election wraps up next month.

## CM meets NITI Aayog VC; State's funding requirements highlighted

**GANGTOK, 31 OCT [IPR]:** Chief Minister Pawan Chamling met the Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog, Dr Rajiv Kumar, who was accompanied by Advisor [SP-NE], NITI Aayog, Jitendra Kumar, at Mintokgang today. The meeting was also attended by Chief Secretary, AK Shrivastava, Principal Secretary-cum-Development Commissioner, VB Pathak, along with HODs of various departments.

The welcome address was presented by the Chief Secretary after which a detailed presentation of the state's issues was placed by the Principal Secretary-cum-Development Commissioner.

Four major issues of the state were highlighted for which funding was requested. These issues are: SPA and PIDDC ongoing works which was on its various stages, the multi-speciality hospital at Sichey and funds for its operational work and for

upgradation of the State's major district roads and other district roads.

The State has also become the first Organic State of the nation and it was felt that more developmental works in this sector need to be done so that the State can evolve towards organic farming in various sectors.

The Development Commissioner placed forward his views and stated that funds, if directed towards Organic farming, would also help Sikkim in achieving new milestones.

The State government also placed forward its emphasis on revenue generating sectors such as hydro-power, organic farming and tourism sector.

The meeting concluded in a positive note with the Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog praising the State for all that it has achieved and he gave full assurance to all the demands put forward by the State government.



## SGC Tadong students protest rejection of nomination of 3 SRC candidates

**REBYNA RANA**

**GANGTOK, 31 OCT:**

The final year students of Sikkim Government College, Tadong carried out a daylong protest against the rejection of nomination papers of three candidates for the post of president of the Students Representative Council [SRC], elections for which are scheduled to be held on 09 Nov. The protest was carried out today in front of the College gate.

It is informed that three can-

didates namely Sher Hang Subba, Anirbas Luitel and Nishant Subedi had filed their nominations for the post of president of SRC on 26-27 Oct and had submitted it on 28 Oct. Following the process, their names were supposed to be listed by 30 Oct. However, the three names have not been listed out yet and college authorities have not given any reason for this.

The nominations have been cancelled in an undemocratic way, allege the three candidates. They have demanded proper

verification of the nominations filed and want a clarification from the college authorities immediately.

"We want justice at the earliest because if teachers become irresponsible then the future of the students of this college is also at risk," the student candidates expressed.

Some students of the college allege that these three candidates have been targeted for standing up for students' rights which is why their nominations

were rejected. The protesting students have demanded re-verification of the three candidates' nomination papers.

On the other hand, the college's dean Ajay Chhetri, defended the election panel's decision saying that there were disciplinary charges against the three student candidates.

He, however, said the three students will be given an opportunity to defend themselves before the election authorities on Wednesday.



## Gangtok celebrates Rashtriya Ekta Diwas

**GANGTOK, 31 OCT [IPR]:** Sikkim joined the rest of the nation in observing Rashtriya Ekta Diwas commemorating the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Iron Man of India.

In his brief address to the march past contingents and officers and staff of various departments gathered outside Manan Bhawan Secretariat, Chief Secretary, AK Shrivastava, highlighted the importance of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas on the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

and recounted the contribution made by him in the unification and consolidation of India.

To mark the day, the Chief Secretary flagged off the march past contingents comprising of Sikkim Police, National Cadet Corps and Scouts & Guides and Sikkim Police Band from Manan Kendra to Titanic Park, MG Marg which was followed by brass band display at Titanic Park by Sikkim Police. Officers and staff of Manan Kendra Secretariat also participated in the march past.

## Daily drug regimen for TB treatment rolled out

**NEW DELHI, OCT 31 (PTI):** The daily drug regimen for the treatment of tuberculosis (TB) under the Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP) was rolled out across all states today.

The Health Ministry yesterday held a meeting with all the state health secretaries, and mission directors to know about their preparedness to implement the new treatment policy.

All drug procurement logistics and trainings have been completed by the states, a senior Health Ministry official said, adding some states have already implemented it.

Health Ministry officials also gave a presentation on the new treatment policy to the prime minister recently.

With the implementation of the daily drug regimen, there will be major shift in the treatment of tuberculosis.

The patients will be given fixed drug combinations (FDCs), three or four drugs in a single pill, on a daily basis instead of thrice a week (the intermittent drug regimen), the official said.

"Patients will be given fixed drug combinations (FDCs), three or four drugs in a single pill, as against seven tablets, which will reduce the pill

burden. Besides, dosage will be determined according to the patient's body weight.

Previously it was same for all adults," the official said.

"Also, children suffering from tuberculosis won't have to take the bitter tablets anymore as they will be replaced with easily-dissolvable and flavoured drugs," said the official.

Since 1997, under the RNTCP, patients were being administered drugs thrice a week (the intermittent drug regimen).

"Daily treatment regimen is likely to be more effective with lesser relapses. This is expected to reduce

drug resistance with greater compliance," the official said.

The World Health Organisation revised its TB management guidelines in 2010, recommending that the daily drug regimen be adopted under the RNTCP.

India topped the list of seven countries, accounting for 64 per cent of the 10.4 million new tuberculosis (TB) cases worldwide in 2016, according to a new global report which was released by the World Health Organisation yesterday.

Also, India along with China and the Russia accounted for almost of

half of the 490,000, multidrug-resistant TB (MDR-TB) cases registered in 2016.

According to the report, under-reporting and under-diagnosis of TB cases continues to be a challenge, especially in countries with large unregulated private sectors and weak health systems.

Of the estimated 10.4 million new cases globally, only 6.3 million were detected and officially notified in 2016, leaving a gap of 4.1 million.

India, Indonesia and Nigeria accounted for almost half of this global gap, the report stated.

## National seminar on 100 years after Champaran and the making of the Indian Nation

**GANGTOK, 31 OCT [PIB]:** Three-day National Seminar on 'One Hundred Years after Champaran and the Making of the Indian Nation' was jointly organized by the Department of History, Sikkim University and Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development, Guwahati.

The inaugural session of the seminar was held on 27 Oct at the Namgyal Institute of Tibetology, Gangtok, in the presence of Director-OKD Institute of Social Change and Development, Guwahati, Bhupen Sharma, and former Director-Sabarmati Ashram, Ahmedabad, Dr Tridip Suhrud. Officiating Vice Chancellor of Sikkim University, Professor Jyoti Prakash Tamang, delivered the inaugural address and welcomed the participants and guests to the seminar.

Eminent resource persons from Sabarmati Ashram, Kerala, Lucknow, Tripura University, University of Hyderabad, Odisha, Punjab, Sikkim, faculty members, staff and students of Sikkim University attended the National Seminar.

The keynote address was delivered by Dr Suhrud wherein he mentioned how Gandhian ideas of truth and non-violence were quite different from the common perception.

The officiating Vice-Chancellor, Prof Tamang, expressed his happiness and pleasure in welcoming the resource persons to the seminar and encouraged the students of the University to take up research studies in diverse fields.

## CM misleading people with baseless statements: SKM

**SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 31 OCT:** Sikkim Krantikari Morcha party alleged that the Chief Minister has misled the people with baseless and false statements during the Panchayat election campaign meeting at Makha held on 30 Oct. The party has criticised the statement of the CM claiming that there is no corruption done in the SDF government.

An SKM press release issued by its publicity secretary, Ranjana Pradhan, states that such claims of the government are disproved by facts and figures included in CAG Report every year.

The party stated that if the government was free of corruption then it should have been able to take action against the CAG for its reports. The release has further challenged the State government to invite the CBI into the State for investigations if the government and the CM were free from corruption.



## National Unity Day celebrated at CAEPHT in Ranipool

**SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 31 OCT:**

College of Agricultural Engineering and Post Harvest Technology [CAEPHT], Central Agricultural University in Ranipool celebrated the 142nd birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the country's first Home Minister today as Na-

tional Unity Day [Rashtriya Ekta Diwas] as a mark of tribute to the efforts made by him to unite India, a press release informs.

Dean of CAEPHT, Professor RP Misra, addressed the gathering and mentioned that the most historic and commendable achievement of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was the integration

of 562 princely states under the Indian union.

'A Run for Unity' event was organized at the college campus with active participation of the students, faculty members and non-teaching staff which was flagged off by the Dean, Prof Misra, from the North Academic Block and ended at Play Ground,

Government School, Marchak. The run also covered the adjoining Marchak village to spread awareness about unity for the nation among the people.

Head-Department of Renewable Energy Engineering, Dr Mahendra Singh Sevda, and Student Welfare Officer, Dr Sanju Singh, coordinated the programme.



### PHALAICHADARA JHS OBSERVES NATIONAL UNITY DAY

**GANGTOK, 31 OCT:** To mark the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, teachers and students of Phalaichadara JHS read out Rashtriya Ekta Diwas pledge in the morning assembly with school vice-prefect delivering a speech on the life of Sardar Patel. Later, an inter-house drama competition based on the theme of national integration and unity was held for the students. Green house emerged as the winner in the competition followed by Blue and Red houses in the second and third positions, respectively.



## National Unity Day observed at Kitam SSS

**SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 31 OCT:**

On the 142nd birth anniversary of the Iron Man of India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel today, Kitam Senior Secondary School organised a 'Run for Unity' marathon to mark the day which is observed as National Unity Day, a press release

informs.

Sixty five students of Kitam SSS participated in the marathon wherein boy students covered 4 kms while girl students covered 3 kms.

Ashif Lepcha was the winner of the marathon with Pramod Rai and Krishna Chandra Pradhan securing the second

and third positions, respectively, in the boys' category.

In the girls' category, Divya Sharma won the marathon outrunning Sahara Rai and Anila Bhujel.

The marathon was flagged off by School Management Committee Chairperson, KN Pradhan.

## ITBP celebrates National Unity Day



**SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 31 OCT:**

The 11th Battalion of Indo-Tibetan Border Police, Chungthang, today observed National Unity Day with Commandant Rajesh Kumar Tomar sensitized the soldiers on the importance of the day and urged them to remain united and to think beyond

casteism for the nation. An oath was also pledged by the troops under the directions of Commandant Tomar, a press release informs. An event "Run for Unity" was also organised. A walk with banners and pamphlets was conducted to spread awareness on national unity among the general public.

## SPCC marks death anniv of Indira Gandhi

**SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 31 OCT:**

Sikkim Pradesh Congress Committee observed the 33rd death anniversary of former Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi, with a solemn function at its party office at 5th Mile, Tadong today. The programme was chaired by working president, PL Gurung.

## SRP criticizes Chamling's election meeting speeches

**SAGAR CHETTRI GANGTOK, 31 OCT:**

Sikkim Republican Party [SRP] president, KB Rai, has criticized and condemned various statements of the Chief Minister and Sikkim Democratic Front [SDF] president, Pawan Chamling given during the ongoing Panchayat Election meetings of the SDF party in the State.

The CM should maintain the dignity of the post he holds and avoid giving such undemocratic speeches, said Mr Rai.

Addressing a press conference here today, the SRP president alleged that the CM's speeches were undemocratic, misleading and full of lies and terror. He further alleged that such statements show dictatorship, suppression and exploitation of the ruling party in the State.

He also condemned the statement of the CM that the ruling party has

already won the Panchayat Election and the election process is just a formality. The State Election Commission should condemn such statements since they create doubts about the commission's work, he added.

Mr Rai alleged that the CM is again misleading people on the Limboo-Tamang Assembly seat reservation issue by holding the Centre and opposition responsible for the delay. The ruling party does not have the political will to provide seat reservation for LT communities, he stated.

He also appealed to independent candidates not to join the ruling party after winning the election as it would be betraying the people's trust.

Mentioning that SRP has not fielded any candidates in the election due to various reasons, he said that the party will fully support independent candidates.



## NITI Aayog team calls on Governor

**SUMMIT REPORT GANGTOK, 31 OCT:**

Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog, Dr Rajiv Kumar, called on Governor Shrinivas Patil at Raj Bhavan this evening. He was accompanied by Advisor [SP-NE], NITI Ayog, Jitendra Kumar, on the occasion. A press communiqué received from Raj Bhavan informs that it was a courtesy call by Dr Kumar on his arrival in Sikkim for a two days official visit.

### BEFORE THE OATH COMMISSIONER, EAST SIKKIM AT GANGTOK.

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1. That in my all the Official documents i.e. Passport, Certificate of Identification, Driving License, Voter Identity Card, Aadhar Card and all the documents my name and caste has been recorded as **Kalu Bhutia**.
2. That further I want to change my name and caste as **Sonam Wangchuk Bhutia** for the future purposes.
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## SDF rallies for Panchayat polls in Yuksam- Dubding GPU

**YUKSAM, 31 OCT:** Sikkim Democratic Front candidates participated in a mass rally at Yuksam-Dubdi GPU under Yuksam-Tashiding constituency in West Sikkim today.

The rally held as a part of the SDF party's campaign for Panchayat poll was participated by party functionaries and party supporters of the area.

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## Governor flags off 'Run for Unity'

**GANGTOK, 31 OCT [IPR]:** Governor Shrinivas Patil flagged off the 'Run for Unity' event on Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) from Raj Bhawan to mark the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel today.

The event organised by Department of Sports and Youth Affairs in collaboration with District Tibetan Border Police, Collectorate (East) was attended by Secretary, Department of Sports and Youth Affairs, S D Dhakal, Commissioner

cum Secretary Raj Bhawan, R Telang, Deputy Inspector General [Indo Tibetan Border Police], Kapil Dev Dwivedi and Commandant, 13th Battalion, Prashant Yadav.

The event also saw the participation of large

number of students, youth including sports enthusiasts and officials from ITBP, Raj Bhawan and Department of Sports and Youth Affairs.

The run culminated at Titanic Park in MG Marg.

## Manan Kendra observes Rashtriya Ekta and Sankalp Diwas

**GANGTOK, 31 OCT [IPR]:** Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, the birth anniversary of Late Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, and Rashtriya Sankalp Diwas, death anniversary of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi were observed at Manan Kendra today.

The programme organized by the Home Department, Government of Sikkim had Chief Secretary, AK Shrivastava as the chief guest. The Chief Secretary administered the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas pledge to the officers and staff assembled in the auditorium.

The Chief Secretary and senior officers paid tribute to the two stalwarts by lighting butter lamps in front of their portraits.

Speaking on the oc-



casion, Chief Secretary, Mr Shrivastava paid tribute to the contribution made in the unification and consolidation of the nation by the first Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister of Independent India, Sardar Patel.

"Among several other contributions Sardar Patel was instrumental in uniting the 565 Princely States into the Indian nation which was a humon-

gous task," he added.

He also added that Sardar Patel was also affectionately known as the patron saint of the country's civil servants for having taken the initiatives for establishing the three All India Services. He further added that Sardar Patel made a mark as a leader of the peasants and was a vocal and noticeable leader during the march

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## SDF leaders reach Syari, say opposition parties are 'outsiders'

**GANGTOK, 31 OCT:** Panchayat election campaigning has now reached its peak with just two days to go before voting day.

Sikkim Democratic Front (SDF) today held meetings in Merung village under the Rongyek Tathangchen GPU in Syari constituency.

The meeting had SDF spokesperson, KT Gyaltsen along with a host of leaders including Gangtok Municipal Corporation Mayor, Shakti Singh Choudhary, and party officials in attendance.

The leaders campaigned for the party candidates Durga Rai and PT Lepcha. SDF public relations officer, Dev Gurung in his address said that SDF has already won 50% of the seats and is eyeing a victory in this GPU.

He also said that the party will consider the party candidate as the representative of the area whether she wins or loses.

If independent or opposition wins, their role will only be limited to clerical tasks, said Dev Gurung.

The poor performance of the party in general elections was also mentioned by the leaders.

"It's not because of strong opposition but because of irresponsible party members that the party lost," said Mr Gurung.

He also lashed out at BJP for having 'double standards' as the Prime Minister himself had appreciated the State and the leadership in various national

and international forums.

Gangtok Mayor, Shakti Singh Choudhary also accused former Gangtok Mayor, KN Topgay of being a businessman politician and of acquiring fake citizenship of Nepal.

He also accused the former Mayor of not favoring villagers when he was the Mayor of Gangtok.

Former MLA, Kunga Zangpo said that the State now has good leadership in the form of Pawan Chamling and asked the voters to support the party. He further cautioned the voters not to trust 'outsider parties'.

SDF spokesperson, KT Gyaltsen held that people should be disciplined and responsible for the development of the State and for its future.

He also stressed that since the area is economically backward 'some' are trying to exploit the simple people of the area for their personal benefit.

Mr Gyaltsen added that SDF party will not allow outside forces to dominate Sikkim and the Sikkimese.

"Where are the manifestos of these outside parties?" he questioned.

He also asked the opposition to talk on ideology and policies and not to attack the Chief Minister on a personal level.

Reiterating the party's stance on not inducting independent candidates into the party fold even if they win he said, "There is no alternative to SDF".



## Training for Science teachers of government schools

### SUMMIT REPORT

**GANGTOK, 31 OCT:**

The inaugural session of the 10-day teachers training programme began today at Deorali Girls' Senior Secondary School, Gangtok. Two master trainers from Royal Society of Chemistry, India Chapter-Vimala Oak and Manorama Ramdas have been called to train the Science teachers of the State, a press release from the Rotary Club of Sikkim informs.

The chief guest of the event was Additional Chief Secretary cum Principal Secretary of Human Resource Development

Department, GP Upadhyay. Dignitaries from Sarva Siksha Abhiyan, Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan as well as Human Resource Development Department along with the Science teachers from various government schools of East District were present for the session.

Mr Upadhyay in his address said that he and the department of Human Resource Development is very keen on bringing such useful training programs to the State for improving the quality and skills of teachers. He also stressed that teachers should put in constant efforts to better

one's teaching skills.

The training programme is a joint initiative of Human Resource Development Department, Government of Sikkim, Sarva Siksha Abhiyan, RMSA, Rotary Club of Gangtok, Rotary India Literacy Mission and Royal Society of Chemistry.

"The program also builds scientific aptitude and helps teachers learn the methods of making both teaching and learning of science interesting and joyful so that students gain the most," reads the release.

Rotary Club of Gangtok along with Inner Wheel Club of Gangtok has already converted Adampool

Junior High School and Bojoghari Senior Secondary School into 'Happy Schools' and both the clubs are working with many schools in Sikkim in close collaboration with Human Resource Development Department, Government of Sikkim, informs the release.

The training masters are scheduled to conduct training programs in batches over the next 10 days in various districts of Sikkim. On Monday, 17 Science teachers from government schools of North District were trained. 220 teachers of Sikkim are expected to be trained over the next 08 days.

## Inter-Church football to kick off with 32 teams next week

### SUMMIT REPORT

**GANGTOK, 31 OCT:**

The 6th edition of the Sikkim Inter-Church Football Tournament will be held from 07 to 21 Nov at Paljor Stadium. 32 teams from the four districts will be participating in this fortnight-long tournament being organised by the Sikkim Christian Sports Committee [SCSC].

Addressing a press conference here today, the SCSC president, Bhupal Basnett, informed that the main idea behind the tournament was to promote and provide exposure to talented footballers from different corners of the State.

The tournament is also targeted to encourage people to live healthier and fitter lives through sports, he said while inviting people to attend the matches and encourage the teams.

SCSC secretary [development], Patrick



Pradhan, in turn mentioned that the committee has decided that teams can field up to three national-level players to help further improve the standard of the game.

Earlier, national and state-level players were not allowed in teams. It is informed that teams can "borrow" national-level players but they need to

be Christians.

SCSC treasurer, Samuel Subba, mentioned that the winning team will be awarded with a cash prize of Rs 30,000 along with trophy while Rs 20,000 will be presented to runner-up team.

Regu Horeb Churuch is the defending champion of the tournament.

Mr Basnett informed that the SCSC has also con-

stituted a selection committee to spot talented and skilful players of churches in the tournament.

"We have decided to form a team having players from different Churches to play the State C-Division League in 2018," he said.

The fixture is scheduled to be drawn on 02 Nov here at Bethlehem Church in Gangtok.

## SC lays down norms for computation of accident...

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tween 40 to 50 years. In case the deceased was between the age of 50 to 60 years, the addition should be 15 per cent.

Actual salary should be read as actual salary less tax."

The bench, which also comprised Justices A K Sikri, A M Khanwilkar, D Y Chandrachud and Ashok Bhushan, fixed the percentage of salary or income of a self-employed and a person working in private sector which would be computed under the head of 'future prospect' for granting compensation to the dependents.

"In case the deceased was self-employed or on a fixed salary, an addition of 40 per cent of the established income should be the warrant where the deceased was below the age of 40 years.

"An addition of 25 per cent where the deceased was between the age of 40 to 50 years and 10 per cent where the deceased was between the age of 50 to 60 years should be regarded as the necessary method of computation. The established income means the income minus the tax component," it said.

The determination of income while computing compensation has to include future prospects so that the method comes within "the ambit and sweep of just compensation" as postulated under the

provision of the Motor Vehicle Act.

"We are inclined to think that there can be some degree of difference as regards the percentage that is meant for or applied to in respect of the legal representatives who claim on behalf of the deceased who had a permanent job than a person who is self-employed or on a fixed salary. But not to apply the principle of standardisation on the foundation of perceived lack of certainty would tantamount to remaining oblivious to the marrows of ground reality," it said.

The top court also fixed the amount to be paid to the dependents of road accident victims under heads such as loss of consortium and funeral expense and said that there would be 10 per cent raise in the amount after every three years.

"Reasonable figures on conventional heads, namely, loss of estate, loss of consortium and funeral expenses should be Rs 15,000, Rs 40,000 and Rs 15,000 respectively. The aforesaid amounts should be enhanced at the rate of 10 per cent in every three years," the court, in its 49-page verdict, said.

The judgement came on a batch of 27 petitions, including one filed by the National Insurance Company Ltd against an order of the Punjab and Haryana High Court, which raised a common issue whether a

"standard threshold" amount can be fixed under the head of "future prospect" while awarding compensation to the dependents of the accident victims.

CJI Misra, writing the unanimous verdict for the bench, took serious note of the fact a two-judge bench differed with the earlier view of another bench of same strength and referred the matter to a constitution bench.

"The two-judge Bench in Santosh Devi should have been well advised to refer the matter to a larger bench as it was taking a different view than what has been stated in Sarla Verma, a judgment by a coordinate Bench. It is because a coordinate bench of the same strength cannot take a contrary view than what has been held by another coordinate Bench," the top court said.

"There can be no doubt that an earlier decision of co-equal bench binds the bench of same strength," it said.

The MV Act provides for award of compensation to be paid by the insurance firms to the victim or his or her family in accident cases by using the methodology provided in the statute itself.

In the claim plea, the family members have to establish the age and income of the deceased and the number of dependents.

## Resolve to Make Amends

**The Sankalp has be to learn from mistakes, not refine past machinisations**

The nation observed Sankalp Diwas on Tuesday; a day when officials at official functions made officious resolutions towards national integration... unity. India is an integrated nation in that it has only grown in size since Independence, not disintegrated, but regions still remain fractured, the people still segregated; yes the nation and its people could use some integration especially in the current environment of excessive pigeonholing, easy villainisations and quick chauvinism. For the past more than three decades, 31 October used to be observed as Rashtiya Sankalp Diwas (National Resolve Day), and since 2014, it is also observed as Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day). While the former marks the death anniversary of the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's assassination by her Sikh bodyguards in 1984, the latter is in observation of the first Home Minister of India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's birth anniversary. Both are significant leaders and both emotions sought to be promoted – Sanklap and Ekta – are important sentiments. One cannot help wonder though whether one is being leveraged to overshadow the other. Such are the times we find ourselves in.

If one was to ignore questioning the intent behind the two days bundled into one and took the resolve for unity at face value, some necessary meditations and introspections need to be undertaken. The people need to demand that events that followed the day we now observe as Sankalp Diwas are never repeated. That is a wish that every Indian [and when we say Indian we mean "Indian", not political party goons and muscle who live by misplaced notions of what makes an India] harboured in 1984, and yet, more than thirty years on, the wish remains unachieved. Politicians still manage to cleave the country, set the stage for every spark to become a conflagration and push integration further away. They find willing allies in the media which routinely loses focus, pushes tokenism and celebrates sensationalism (in fact, now may in the media even openly instigate spite with the sensational jingoism). They operate on simplistic constructs. The Gujarat Riots, an indefensible scar on the country's secular claims, hogs the media space when one speaks of communal hatred, although now we have other episodes vying for such insular infamy as well. This still, is a valid criticism and should be addressed. Victims of the post-Godhra carnage need justice, but can it be expected in a country where a worse pogrom of two decades earlier remains unpunished? Government records on Gujarat put the death toll to riots at 790 Muslims and 254 Hindus. Human Rights groups believe up to 2000 were killed. Official records on the 1984 anti-Sikh riots put the number of Sikhs slaughtered at 2,733. The number of people convicted for 1984 – thirteen; For Gujarat – 11 convicted and eight sentenced to life imprisonment. This is not an attempt to justify the sluggishness that inflicts the Gujarat inquisition, these are not things that can be justified, but an attempt to put things in perspective. As a nation, we have not learnt anything since 1984 [taken as a watershed because it was with this year that State machineries really started getting compromised for communal and political settling of scores].

Governments might have changed, but attitudes have not. As a result, a Nation that was born to the walls of communal bloodletting still does not have either the resolve or the wherewithal to avoid them. The media and the civil society need to ask why situations and incidents are still allowed to deny the people their instinctive desire for communal amity. Had the policy-makers realised their failings back in 1984, the Modi-led BJP Government in Gujarat would never have gotten the chance to allow, or as many are convinced, assist, the killings in 2002. Gujarat happened because 1984 remains ignored. 1984 receives only token mention because the media and the civil society shy away from it because it complicates the superficial analysis they have developed of what and who are communal in our country. The post-Godhra riots were a result of the powers-that-be subverting the power-to-serve to become power-that-colludes in pushing political agendas. As a people, we continue to pay the price because the people who occupy the public domain do not ask the right questions, do not address the malfunction in the system. Yes the country and its people need to rededicate themselves to the idea of India, an India that was imagined to be secular but today actively segregates its people; an India that was to have public servants but they mutated into masters of the people; an India that was to be run by people's representative has been usurped by autocrats; an India which started democratic is now foisting dynasties.

The nation needs to resolve to rediscover the idea that it was imagined as. History needs to be remembered and understood so that we are not condemned to repeat past mistakes. The shames need to be accepted because then we can resolve them. Then, leaders who survive by keeping past nightmares alive in public minds will have to make way for visionaries who deliver dreams for the nation to collectively aspire towards and achieve.

# The science of fright: Why we love to be scared



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Fear may be as old as life on Earth. It is a fundamental, deeply wired reaction, evolved over the history of biology, to protect organisms against perceived threat to their integrity or existence. Fear may be as simple as a cringe of an antenna in a snail that is touched, or as complex as existential anxiety in a human.

Whether we love or hate to experience fear, it's hard to deny that we certainly revere it – devoting an entire holiday to the celebration of fear.

Thinking about the circuitry of the brain and human psychology, some of the main chemicals that contribute to the "fight or flight" response are also involved in other positive emotional states, such as happiness and excitement. So, it makes sense that the high arousal state we experience during a scare may also be experienced in a more positive light. But what makes the difference between getting a "rush" and feeling completely terrorized?

We are psychiatrists who treat fear and study its neurobiology. Our studies and clinical interactions, as well as those of others, suggest that a major factor in how we experience fear has to do with the context. When our "thinking" brain gives feedback to our "emotional" brain and we perceive ourselves as being in a safe space, we can then quickly shift the way we experience that high arousal state, going from one of fear to one of enjoyment or excitement.

When you enter a haunted house during Halloween season, for example, anticipating a ghoul jumping out at you and knowing it isn't really a threat, you are able to quickly relabel the experience. In contrast, if you were walking in a dark alley at night and a stranger began chasing you, both your emotional and thinking areas of the brain would be in agreement that the situation is dangerous, and it's time to flee!

But how does your brain do this? **HOW DO WE EXPERIENCE FEAR?**

Fear reaction starts in the brain and spreads through the body to make adjustments for the best defense, or flight reaction. The fear response starts in a region of the brain called the amygdala. This almond-shaped set of nuclei in the temporal lobe of the brain is dedicated to detecting the emotional salience of the stimuli – how much something stands out to us.

For example, the amygdala activates whenever we see a human face with an emotion. This reaction is more pronounced with anger and fear. A threat stimulus, such as the

sight of a predator, triggers a fear response in the amygdala, which activates areas involved in preparation for motor functions involved in fight or flight. It also triggers release of stress hormones and sympathetic nervous system.

This leads to bodily changes that prepare us to be more efficient in a danger: The brain becomes hyperalert, pupils dilate, the bronchi dilate and breathing accelerates. Heart rate and blood pressure rise. Blood flow and stream of glucose to the skeletal muscles increase. Organs not vital in survival such as the gastrointestinal system slow down.

A part of the brain called the hippocampus is closely connected with the amygdala. The hippocampus and prefrontal cortex help the brain interpret the perceived threat. They are involved in a higher-level processing of context, which helps a person know whether a perceived threat is real.

For instance, seeing a lion in the wild can trigger a strong fear reaction, but the response to a view of the same lion at a zoo is more of curiosity and thinking that the lion is cute. This is because the hippocampus and the frontal cortex process contextual information, and inhibitory pathways dampen the amygdala fear response and its downstream results. Basically, our "thinking" circuitry of brain reassures our "emotional" areas that we are, in fact, OK.

**HOW DO WE LEARN THE DIFFERENCE?**

Similar to other animals, we very often learn fear through personal experiences, such as being attacked by an aggressive dog, or observing other humans being attacked by an aggressive dog.

However, an evolutionarily unique and fascinating way of learning in humans is through instruction

– we learn from the spoken words or written notes! If a sign says the dog is dangerous, proximity to the dog will trigger a fear response.

We learn safety in a similar fashion: experiencing a domesticated dog, observing other people safely interact with that dog or reading a sign that the dog is friendly.

**WHY DO SOME PEOPLE ENJOY BEING SCARED?**

Fear creates distraction, which can be a positive experience. When something scary happens, in that moment, we are on high alert and not preoccupied with other things that might be on our mind (getting in trouble at work, worrying about a big test the next day), which brings us to the here and now.

Furthermore, when we experience these frightening things with the people in our lives, we often find that emotions can be contagious in a positive way. We are social creatures, able to learn from one another. So, when you look over to your friend at the haunted house and she's quickly gone from screaming to laughing, socially you're able to pick up on her emotional state, which can positively influence your own.

While each of these factors – context, distraction, social learning – have potential to influence the way we experience fear, a common theme that connects all of them is our sense of control. When we are able to recognize what is and isn't a real threat, relabel an experience and enjoy the thrill of that moment, we are ultimately at a place where we feel in control. That perception of control is vital to how we experience and respond to fear. When we overcome the initial "fight or flight" rush, we are often left feeling satisfied, reassured of our safety and more confident in our ability to confront the things that ini-

tially scared us.

It is important to keep in mind that everyone is different, with a unique sense of what we find scary or enjoyable. This raises yet another question: While many can enjoy a good fright, why might others downright hate it?

**WHY DO SOME PEOPLE NOT ENJOY BEING SCARED?**

Any imbalance between excitement caused by fear in the animal brain and the sense of control in the contextual human brain may cause too much, or not enough, excitement. If the individual perceives the experience as "too real," an extreme fear response can overcome the sense of control over the situation.

This may happen even in those who do love scary experiences: They may enjoy Freddy Krueger movies but be too terrified by "The Exorcist," as it feels too real, and fear response is not modulated by the cortical brain.

On the other hand, if the experience is not triggering enough to the emotional brain, or if it is too unreal to the thinking cognitive brain, the experience can end up feeling boring. A biologist who cannot tune down her cognitive brain from analyzing all the bodily things that are realistically impossible in a zombie movie may not be able to enjoy "The Walking Dead" as much as another person.

So if the emotional brain is too terrified and the cognitive brain helpless, or if the emotional brain is bored and the cognitive brain is too suppressing, scary movies and experiences may not be as fun.

**WHAT ARE DISORDERS OF FEAR?**

All fun aside, abnormal levels of fear and anxiety can lead to significant distress and dysfunction and limit a person's ability for success and joy of life. Nearly one in four people experiences a form of anxiety disorder during their lives, and nearly 8 percent experience post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Disorders of anxiety and fear include phobias, social phobia, generalized anxiety disorder, separation anxiety, PTSD and obsessive compulsive disorder. These conditions usually begin at a young age, and without appropriate treatment can become chronic and debilitating and affect a person's life trajectory. The good news is that we have effective treatments that work in a relatively short time period, in the form of psychotherapy and medications.

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## LANGUAGE: Shaped and styled by geography & politics and cultural & economic processes

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Everyone who studied under the CBSE curriculum will recall the example in the biology textbook on beetle populations living on a bush and a small group forming a sub-population of red beetles. Another related topic is of Mendel's Peas which, I am quite certain, I will never forget even if my memory was cleaned out.

The main emphasis with regard to the beetle example is geographical isolation. Geographical isolation, as the term suggests, is an isolation caused due to geography, possibly due to a barrier, distance, a natural event etc., which may lead to speciation. The concept is related to evolution and explains how speciation could be caused by geographical factors.

I like to consider myself a keen observer and researcher, and thus am compelled to draw a comparison between how speciation and cultural variation (language variation in this context) seem so closely related and have geography as a major factor of influence.

It is just an observation and not a fully fleshed out idea yet, but this form of research technique would comply with an analogue model wherein a better known situation or process is used to study a lesser known one. Meanwhile, Language Geography is already an established branch of Human Geography that studies geographic distribution of languages or their constituent elements.

The Geography of Language has two principal fields of study: Geography of Languages deals with distribution of language through time and space and concerns itself with patterns of distribution and spatial structure of language in consideration;

Geolinguistics, meanwhile, is the study of languages and dialects and how political, economic and cultural processes affect the status and distribution of languages.

As the humorous adage goes, a language is a dialect with its own flag and an army.

What can be derived from this discussion is that geography is an important factor when it comes to variation of languages but not the only factor. Human systems of political, economic and cultural nature also shape and mould languages and dialects. These, if unfavorable, also lead to the death of a language.

Nevertheless, geography and geographic isolation are still the most crucial factors in the formative stages of a language or a dialect. The vastness of the earth and societal variation has created and sustained 7,097 spoken languages, 141 language families constantly in flux (Ethnologue). That said, barely 23 languages account for more than half of the speakers out of the world's total population. Nearly 2/3rd of the languages are in Africa and Asia, and 86% of the population uses Asian or European languages. This is where the human systems and their influence come into interplay.

Interestingly, the unequal distribution trend of languages is observed in individual countries as well. Papua New Guinea, with 837 living languages, is the country with the most number of languages, followed by Indonesia with 706 living languages and Nigeria with 527 living languages.

Despite the popularity of English as lingua franca spoken in 127 countries, the official language of 58 sovereign states and 21 non-sovereign entities;

a variant of Chinese is the most spoken first language with 1.197 billion speakers. Spanish follows in second position with 414 million speakers and English with 335 million speakers is in third place.

A recent research titled, 'Evidence for Direct Geographic Influences on Linguistic Sounds: The Case of Ejectives', published in an online journal, PloSOne, authored by Caleb Everett, an anthropological linguist at the University of Miami, emphasizes how geographical conditions effect the language sounds. The author states that "the broader implication of this work is that language is shaped in pretty fundamental ways by the geographic context in which it is spoken."

Another interesting research paper also indicates that multilingualism delays the onset of memory loss symptoms in older individuals with Alzheimer's disease, possibly reflecting an increase in the cognitive abilities of the brain.

Language, born and evolved due to necessity, a systematic means of communicating ideas, involving vocalization, conventional signs, gestures, marks etc., is such an import part of the civilized human society. It not only serves the primary objectives but is integral to one's identity. Many linguists claim that in next 100 years, 90% of the languages will become extinct.

How does our State, a multicultural society fare in regard to languages? How have Geography, Political, Economic and Cultural processes influenced languages here? Observation, comments and suggestion will be most appreciated. Does anyone speak High Valyrian by the way?

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# GST hits Nepal's export to India: Report

**KATHMANDU, Oct 31 (PTI):** Nepal's export to India has been adversely affected after the enforcement of Goods and Services Tax as Nepali goods have become less competitive in the Indian market due to high duty in post-GST period, a media report said today.

Trade of major export items to India, which were enjoying zero duty or nominal tariff earlier, has dropped significantly, the Himalayan Times reported citing the Nepal Rastra Bank's recent report.

Export of juice, jute products, vegetables, fruits, processed food like biscuits and noodles, cardamom, among others, have plunged heavily,

the daily said.

Export of juice, which was a major export item to India in the previous years, has plunged by 57 per cent in the first two months of current fiscal as compared to corresponding period of the previous fiscal year.

The country exported juice products worth Rs 344 million in first two months of the ongoing fiscal as compared to Rs 800 million in same period of previous fiscal.

Export of juice products to India was on the rise since last several years as the Indian multinational Dabur Nepal was the largest exporter of juice to India.

According to the central bank's data, export

of juice had surged by 50 per cent in the first two months of fiscal 2016-17 compared to the corresponding period of fiscal 2015-16.

The major reason behind the significant decline in export of juice is increased tariff to export to the Indian market, the daily said.

The exporters said they have to pay 12 per cent integrated goods and services tax (IGST) to export juice to India, compared to 6.18 per cent during pre-GST regime.

This means the Indian market has become 5.82 per cent costlier for juice exporters after implementation of the GST, it said.

Likewise, export of

large cardamom plunged by 45.3 per cent, fruits (85.9 per cent), vegetables (39 per cent), noodles (34 per cent), jute goods (2.3 per cent) in first two months of this fiscal as compared to corresponding period of last fiscal.

There are high tariff differences in post- and pre-GST period in vegetables, processed food and other agriculture products. As per the study carried out by an independent think-tank South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE) on 30 major export items to India, export tariff for 28 top items have increased, like five per cent on big cardamom, 12 per

cent on processed food items and 18 per cent on vegetable products.

As Nepal's top export items have been hit hard since enforcement of the GST, country's export to India is likely to drop.

Shekhar Golchha, senior vice president of Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce and Industry, said that Nepali goods have become less competitive in Indian market as they have to pay high duty in post-GST period.

"Nepali exporters should diversify their market in short-term and be competitive in longer-term to tap the huge market opportunity in India," he was quoted as saying.

## HC seeks to know if insurance cover given to AIDS/HIV patients

**NEW DELHI, Oct 31 (PTI):** The Delhi High Court has asked several public sector insurance firms whether any insurance policy was being offered to people afflicted with HIV-AIDS.

The court's query came during the hearing of a petition seeking inclusion of HIV positive and AIDS afflicted people in life and health insurance policies with all consequential benefits.

A bench of Acting Chief Justice Gita Mittal and Justice C Hari Shankar directed the PSU insurance firms to forthwith take a stand and comply with the guidelines of Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA).

"Inform this court about your (insurance firms) stand on making available insurance services to people afflicted with HIV and AIDS" the bench said and asked them to file an affidavit and listed the matter for January 22 next year.

The counsel for the central government drew

the court's attention to the HIV and AIDS (Prevention and Control) Act, which mandates equality of people and prohibits any discrimination against people suffering from HIV or AIDS.

During the hearing, the counsel for the state-owned insurance companies submitted that the issue was under consideration and they required time but were ready to follow the guidelines of the IRDA.

The court had earlier issued notice to and sought the response of the Ministry of Health, public sector insurance companies and IRDA to the PIL, which also alleged discrimination against people living with HIV and AIDS (PLHAs).

The petition by Rajeesh Sharma has alleged that there was no "effective progress and implementation of any insurance policies for the benefit of PLHAs".

The court has tagged the matter with another similar pending petition which has the grievance

of non-availability of the facility of insurance for children born with congenital or birth defects.

Sharma had contended that the Centre had in 2013 said that by April 1, 2014, insurance cover would be available to all PLHAs, but nothing has happened.

The plea has also said the IRDA had issued an exposure draft in 2012 instructing insurance companies to include PLHAs under medical insurance cover.

In October 2013, IRDA had asked all insurance companies "to put in place, by April 1, 2014, Board-approved underwriting policy to include all PLHAs with regard to life and health insurance," the petition had stated.

It had claimed that 100 lives were lost each day to these diseases due to "unaffordable medical care" and alleged that PLHAs were "being neglected and discriminated against" as not even simple accident benefit cover is provided to them.

## WB govt releases funds for infra development in schools

**KOLKATA, Oct 31 (PTI):** The West Bengal government has released Rs 50 crore for developing infrastructure and improving facilities in government and government-aided schools.

Of the total allotment, over Rs 45 crore would be used to build classrooms at 528 schools in Kolkata and 18 districts of the state, including Howrah, Hooghly, Jalpaiguri, Alipurdwar, Cooch Behar and Malda, a senior official at the state secretariat said.

The rest of the money would be utilised to install safe drinking water systems at 120 primary, 130 upper-primary and around 100 higher-secondary schools, he said.

"Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee wants to improve the standard of government schools. The funds have been released to develop infrastructure at primary, upper-primary, secondary and higher-secondary schools," he told PTI today.

According to the official, the development work was expected to be completed before next year's panchayat elections in the state.

"Besides releasing funds for safe drinking water system and classroom development, the government has separately allocated money for district-wise development of these schools," the official said.



## SRFTI students continue relay hunger strike

**KOLKATA, Oct 31 (PTI):** Agitating students of the Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute (SRFTI) here continued their relay fast for the fourth day today but "have agreed" on the issue of girls and boys being accommodated in separate hostels.

The institute has been in the news since October 17 when protests rocked the campus against the expulsion of the 14 girl students from the institute over their refusal to shift to the newly built girls' hostel from a common accommodation which also had boys in a separate wing.

SRFTI Students' Body president Akshay Gouri told PTI that there had been some "positive developments" since last evening.

"Though we will not lift our relay hunger strike till the unconditional revocation of expulsion order of 14 girl students over segregation issue, we have agreed to boys and girls being accommodated in separate hostels," he said.

SRFTI director Debamitra Mitra said, "I hope a solution will be found soon. The SRFTI faculty and staff are united and they are communicating with the students."

The students are on relay hunger strike since Saturday night demanding unconditional revocation of the expulsion order.

The SRFTI director said, "The students are our children and whatever measures we take is for their well-being. We have explained to them as to why they have to give it to us in writing why they had opposed being shifted to the new hostel."

Meanwhile, Gouri claimed that administrative work was not stopped today and the students were not "preventing the director, the faculty or other staff members from attending office and discharging duty."

He expressed hope about the authorities handing over a letter revoking the expulsion.

"We are here to study and finish our projects but of course we have democratic rights to air our views," he said.

Mitra said that the authorities had decided to build a separate hostel for girls besides upgrading the curriculum and infrastructure of the institute after securing the approval of the Union Information and Broadcasting Ministry in 2013.

## Protest over Patanjali firing locals to hire 'outsiders' in Assam

**TEZPUR (ASSAM), Oct 31 (PTI):** Workers engaged in the under construction Patanjali food park in Sonitpur district today held a protest meeting alleging that local employees were being replaced by outsiders.

The workers protested in front of the main gate of Patanjali Mega Herbal Food Park at Ghoramari and alleged that they were released from their respective jobs from today and were replaced by people from outside the state.

The demonstrators claimed that over 85 employees have been re-

leased without citing any reason and 60 workers from outside Assam have taken their place.

The agitators later submitted a memorandum to Sonitpur district administration demanding justice.

Sonitpur Deputy Commissioner Manoj Kumar Deka, however, said the new appointees were not from outside Assam.

Those 85 persons were engaged by a security agency and as their service was not satisfactory, Patanjali engaged its own security personnel hailed from Assam and not from outside the

state, Deka told PTI.

Some of the new workers are even from Tezpur, he said.

The authorities of the Patanjali Mega Herbal Food Park at Ghoramari could not be contacted despite several attempts.

Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal had laid the foundation stone of the Rs 1300 crore food park in presence of Patanjali Ayurved founder Ramdev on November 6 last year.

The food park is situated near the Assam Industrial Development Corporation complex, about 15 km from Tezpur town.

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- The minimum age limit is 18 years and the maximum age limit is 40 years (in view of the Notification No. M(3)/(55)/GEN/DOP/PT-III dated 03/07/2017).
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  - Certificate of Diploma in Computer Application from a recognized Centre.
  - Certificate of Typing with a minimum speed of 35 words per minute from a recognized Institute.
- The application along with attested copies of the documents mentioned in paragraph (3) above should reach the office of the Member Secretary, Sikkim State Legal Services Authority, Development Area, Gangtok on or before **30<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 (Thursday) between 10:00 a.m. to 04:00 p.m.** No applications will be entertained after 30.11.2017 on any ground.
- Names of the candidates found eligible on preliminary scrutiny of their applications will be displayed on the 'Notice Board' of the Office of Sikkim State Legal Services Authority on **8<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 (Friday) between 10:00 a.m. to 04:00 p.m.**
- Candidates found eligible on scrutiny of the applications for the post of Data-Entry Operator will be required to appear for **Technical Test on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017(Friday)** in the morning at 10:00 a.m. followed by the **Viva-Voce** on the same day (afternoon) in the Office of Sikkim State Legal Services Authority, Development Area, Gangtok.
- Admit Card for the candidates eligible to sit for the interview may be collected from the office of Sikkim State Legal Services Authority on **8<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 from 10:30 a.m. to 04:00 p.m.**
- No separate calling letters will be issued to the eligible candidates.
- Candidates are required to bring all their documents in original when they appear for the technical test and viva-voce. No T.A./D.A. shall be paid for appearing in the interview/Viva-Voce.
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## 639 nails recovered from man's stomach

**KOLKATA, OCT 31 (PTI):** Doctors at the state-run Calcutta Medical College and Hospital here have removed 639 nails, weighing more than one kg, from the stomach of a 48-year-old man suffering from schizophrenia.

The man had swallowed the nails over a period of time.

"The patient is from North 24 Parganas district's Gobardanga. He was suffering from schizophrenia and had swallowed nails and soil regularly over a period of time," Dr Siddhartha Biswas, who conducted the operation yesterday, said.

"We made a 10 cm incision in the abdomen and removed the nails using a magnet. We have also extracted soil," Biswas said adding that the surgery lasted about an hour and 45 minutes.

The patient had been complaining of stomach pain since last week of September and was taken to a private nursing home where X-rays revealed the presence of nails.

He was immediately referred to the Calcutta Medical College and Hospital where X-rays and endoscopy had shown presence of nails around 2 to 2.5 inches long in the stomach.

"The patient is stable now. We are keeping him under observation before he is given a fitness certificate," Biswas said.

## ATK post three wins in Dubai pre-season

**KOLKATA, OCT 31 (PTI):** Two-time Indian Super League champions ATK notched up three wins in Dubai pre-season tour and will arrive here on November 4 ahead of the fourth season.

The new-look ATK pumped in eight goals in three matches with their Irish and English Premier League legend Robbie Keane scoring three, the Kolkata franchise said in a statement.

ATK began their practice tour at Dubai's Nad Al Sheba Sports Complex on October 12 and blanked Dubai All Stars 3-0 with Keane scoring twice, while Robin Singh also found his name in the scoresheet.

They also defeated Dubai Irish FC 2-1 and Dibba Al-Hisn Sports and Culture Club 3-2. They will conclude their pre-season with a fourth practice fixture tomorrow.

Portuguese forward Santos Branco, better known as Zequinha, along with domestic midfielder Rupert Nongrum and T Bipin Singh also scored goals.

# Karishma and Tashi are Strongest Woman and Man of Sikkim

**SAGAR CHETTRI**

**GANGTOK, 31 OCT:**

Karishma Subba and Tashi Gyatso Bhutia have become the Strongest Woman and Man of Sikkim this year. The two power lifters won the Champion of the Champions titles in the 2nd Strongest Man and 1st Strongest Woman Power Lifting Championship 2017 held on 29 Oct at Mt Zion Kidzee School in Lumsey.

Fifty lifters from different gyms and health clubs participated in the juniors, seniors, masters and women's categories of the championship, which was organised by Body Building & Power Lifting Association of Sikkim (BBPLAS). The event was judged by an international referee from Bihar and two national referees from Siliguri.

27-year-old Tashi Gyatso [77 kgs] lifted 210 kgs, which is almost three times his weight. He is a member of Titan Gym at Pani House and trains under coach Virendra Singh. He works as a bouncer in a pub in the capital. He won the title of the Strongest Man of Siliguri by lifting 200 kgs in September earlier this year.

"I am very happy to win the title of the Strongest Man of Sikkim. It has encouraged me to sweat it out hard for national and international level events in future," Tashi said.

He has also appealed to the youth to stay healthy and fit and stay away from drugs and



unhealthy activities.

20-year-old Karishma Subba [61 kgs] is a college student. She lifted 120 kgs to win the Strongest Woman title. She trains at White Hall

gym under coach, Pema Dorjee Bhutia. She won the title of the Champion of Champions in women's category in the state-level weightlifting competition held earlier this month. She

is also two times national medalist in strength lifting.

Karishma also expressed her happiness and satisfaction with her performance in the competition.

"I will now train more rigorously to give my best in the upcoming national championships," she said.

Addressing a press conference here today, BBPLAS general secretary, Pema WD Bhutia, expressed his happiness and satisfaction on getting 10 women participants in the power lifting event.

"We have got a lot of encouragement and inspiration to continue with our initiative to provide better exposure and platform to body-builders and lifters of the State," he expressed.

He spoke about plans of organising power lifting and body building competition annually in the State apart from promoting health, fitness and power-lifting in all corners of the State.

Mr Bhutia mentioned that the association will send winners and other lifters of the State to national championships and also organise a coaching camp for the State team before they leave for the nationals.

On behalf of BBPLAS, he thanked the association president for providing the venue for the championship and all participants for their active participation.

## Mithali rises to top spot in ICC batswomen ranking

**DUBAI, OCT 30 (PTI):**

Indian women cricket team captain Mithali Raj on Monday moved up one place to occupy the number one spot in the latest ICC ODI rankings for batswomen.

Ellyse Perry of Australia and Amy Satterthwaite of New Zealand also jumped one place each to be at second and third spots while Meg Lanning of Australia has dropped from first to fourth after missing the series against England due to injury.

Mithali has 753 points, while Perry and Satterthwaite are on 725 and 720 points respectively.

Among women bowlers, Jhulan Goswami remained on second spot with 652 rating points, behind Marizanne Kapp (656) of South Africa.

Meanwhile, defending champion Australia's 2-1 victory over England in the ICC Women's Championship series has



not only helped them garner four useful points but also regain the top spot in the women's team rankings.

England had displaced Australia from the top spot for the first time after the annual update earlier this month,

Starting the series ahead on decimal points with both teams on 128 points, Australia made the most of the home

conditions to prevail despite the absence of first-choice captain and leading batter Meg Lanning, going up to 129 points and ensuring a two-point lead in the process.

Teams get two points for each win, one point for a tie or no-result and no points for a loss in the ICC Women's Championship, which will see ICC Women's World Cup 2021 hosts New Zealand

and the three other top teams gain direct qualification to the pinnacle women's 50-over event.

The remaining four sides will get a second chance through the ICC Women's World Cup Qualifier event. India, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka and the West Indies are the other sides in the ICC Women's Championship, which runs till 2020.

## SDF rallies for Panchayat polls in Yuksam...

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SDF candidates Dichen Wangchuk Bhutia, Sancha Hang Limboo, Rinchen Lepcha, Tekh Nath Chettri, Hem Lata Subba, Purna Bahadur Gurung and Zilla candidate Budha Hang Subba held a mass rally. The rally started from Tingting

ward to Yuksam bazaar and culminated at Colony.

After the rally, a brief meeting was held where SDF vice president, Mo-han Gurung who is also a former Minister addressed the gathering stating that the government has given all political rights to the people.

He urged all the people of Yuksam GPU to vote for SDF candidates. He assured that the party has chosen candidates who are dedicated towards serving the people.

Similar rallies were held at various GPUs under Yuksam-Tashiding Constituency.

## Manan Kendra observes Rashtriya Ekta and Sankalp Diwas

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for freedom in 1934 and 1937 and went on to become one of the founding fathers of our Republic.

He said that the Government of India decided to rededicate 31 Oct as Rashtriya Ekta Diwas or National Unity Day to pay tribute to the great freedom fighter and nation-builder from 2014.

Similarly the Chief Secretary recalled the immense contribution made by the First Woman Prime Minister of India, Indira Gandhi. The day is also observed as 'Rashtriya Sankalp Diwas' as a mark of respect

to the former Prime Minister of the country.

Earlier, Secretary Protocol, Home Department, SK Pradhan in his welcome address, gave a brief introduction on the observance of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas and remarked that the commitment of Sardar Patel to national integration was total and uncompromising.

Similarly, Additional Secretary (Protocol), Gloria Namchu gave a brief introduction on the observance of Rashtriya Sankalp Diwas.

The programme was neatly punctuated by

rendition of patriotic songs by artists of the Cultural Affairs and Heritage Department.

Also present in the function were Additional Chief Secretary cum Home Secretary, SC Gupta, Development Commissioner cum Principal Secretary Finance, VB Pathak, Commissioner-cum-Secretary Personnel, Administrative Reforms, Training & Public Grievances Department, T Gelek, Secretaries, officers and staff of all the Departments situated at Manan Kendra Secretariat.

# Young Lions offer hope of brighter future for England

**LONDON, OCT 31 (AFP):** At a time when England have been pilloried by their own fans after a laboured World Cup qualifying campaign, the country's promising prodigies offer hope of a brighter future.

England's starlets enjoyed a 5-2 win over Spain in the under-17 World Cup final in Kolkata on Saturday, capping a remarkable period in which the country's bright young things dominated on the global stage.

In the past five months, England's under-17 and under-20 teams have been crowned world champions, while the under-19s won the European Championship.

A mixed-age England squad also successfully defended the prestigious Toulon title in June and the country's youth teams have lost only twice, both times on penalties, across 34 tournament matches.

That successful streak is a stark contrast to the drab performances of Gareth South-



gate's senior side en route to next year's World Cup in Russia.

Bored fans even threw paper aeroplanes onto the pitch throughout a tedious qualification-sealing win against Slovenia that offered little hope England can improve on their wretched major tournament record.

Consigned to a humiliating Euro 2016 exit by minnows Iceland and bundled out of the 2014 World Cup at the

group stage, England haven't made it to the semi-finals of a tournament since Euro 96 and their only trophy remains the 1966 World Cup.

Those years of failure makes the rise of England's kids an alluring prospect.

But the question remains whether they can turn tantalising potential into sustainable success, first with their Premier League clubs and then on the international

stage.

Chelsea provided 19 players, more than any other club, for England's youth movement and Blues boss Antonio Conte is confident the progress will be maintained.

"I think football in England is growing in an incredible way," Conte said.

"The under-19s won, the under-20s have won and the under-21s also played a really good European Champion-

ship. It means England is improving a lot.

"I am sure in the future it will be very difficult to beat the England national team."

Despite Conte's optimism, it is hard for some to believe the Premier League's top clubs, who so often spend huge sums on overseas players in their quest for instant success, will have the patience to allow their youngsters to develop.

Howard Wilkinson, the Football Association's former technical director, preaches caution about the path to first-team fame.

"That's something that has to be worked on. We used to be a finishing school for players. It would be a shame if these players have to go to the continent to get their chance," he said.

Liverpool's Rhian Brewster scored eight times in the under-17 World Cup, while Manchester City's Phil Foden netted twice against Spain and was voted player of the tournament.

Back at their clubs, Brew-

ster and Foden won't find it easy to break into teams loaded with attacking talent.

But City boss Pep Guardiola offers hope, saying: "Phil has been with us since the beginning of the season and played unbelievably against Manchester United and Real Madrid."

"He trains with us every single day. He's just 17 but he is a player in our squad."

Some critics claim young English players are too pampered by their clubs, and a coterie of agents and hangers-on, to focus sufficiently on honing their trade.

But England under-17 boss Steve Cooper insists the current success story has shot down that theory.

"The young players we are bringing into our teams are a credit to their generation," he said.

"Sometimes they get a bit of a tough stick, too-much too-soon and things like that. If you see how they train, how hard they work, they show so much respect."

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## Indian students assaulted in Italy

**MILAN/NEW DELHI, OCT 31 (PTI):** Indian students have been assaulted in a string of incidents in northern Italy, the Indian Consulate in Milan has said. The Consulate General of India (CGI) in Milan yesterday issued an advisory to Indian students and asked them not to panic.

"The Consulate has received reports of unfortunate incidents of attacks on Indian students in Milan. All Indian students are urged not to panic. The Consulate is taking up this matter with the highest level of law and order authorities in Milan," according to the advisory posted on Twitter.

The advisory did not mention if the attacks on Indian students appeared to be racially motivated. The CGI advised Indian students to be in touch with each other, especially when they go out.

It also advised students to spread information among other students from India about the areas where they have experienced "such incidents" so that such areas can be avoided. In New Delhi, External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj said she had received a detailed report about the incidents.

Swaraj said she was personally monitoring the situation and asked the students not to worry.

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# No evidence of China trying to dominate region: Chinese envoy

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**WASHINGTON, OCT 30 (PTI):** A top Chinese diplomat has said that people accusing China of indulging in "predatory economics" should "look into the mirror", underlining that there is no evidence of China trying to dominate the region.

Chinese Ambassador to the US Cui Tiankai was responding to a question on the recent remarks by top American officials, including Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, who accused China of indulging in predatory economics and causing unsustainable debt to the countries in the region.

Because of recent Chinese actions, several countries in the region have expressed concern over the increasing Chinese assertiveness, an allegation denied by the top Chinese diplomat.

"I think when people are saying these things (predatory economics) about China



they might just look into the mirror.

It might be describing themselves," Cui said ahead of the US President Donald Trump's visit to China early next month.

"We want to have a peaceful, stable and prosperous neighbourhood. And we always aimed at...we would take our neighbours our good partners and we will proceed in good faith. This has been

proved by the history of China's foreign policy," Cui said.

He said there is no evidence that China is trying to dominate the region.

"We never believe that any single country should try to

dominate a region or even the world," he said, adding that China wants to build a community with shared future of the mankind.

"We are still looking forward to a good partnership with our neighbours. Of course, we want to establish very constructive relations with the US. We (China and the US) do not have a zero-sum game in Asia Pacific. We recognise the interest of the US in Asia Pacific and we want to cooperate with the United States. Hopefully this will be reciprocated by the US as well," he said.

Cui said there is an ongoing discussion between China and the US on improving market access and addressing the trade imbalance. The general direction should be clear that the two countries should aim at mutually beneficial economic relations.

"We certainly want to achieve more balance of trade.

This will have to be done over time. You cannot reduce trade deficit overnight," he added.

The balance of trade payment, he said, is a structural problem.

"It's not it's not caused by somebody's policy. The main reason for this trade imbalance is the different position of China and the US is the global production chain and the international division of labour and the so-called comparative advantage," he said.

The goal, he said, is to achieve more balanced and mutually beneficial bilateral trade. According to the Chinese Ambassador, Trump's visit to China is the most important part of his Asia's visit. Trump would also visit Japan, South Korea, China, the Philippines and Vietnam.

"Hopefully it will be the most productive and constructive (visit)," he said.

## China denies report of plan to build tunnel to divert Brahmaputra waters

BEIJING, OCT 31 (PTI):

China today rejected as "false and untrue" a media report that it was planning to build a 1,000- km long tunnel to divert water from the Brahmaputra river in Tibet close to Arunachal Pradesh to the parched Xinjiang region.

Hong Kong-based South China Morning Post yesterday said that Chinese engineers were testing techniques that could be used to build the tunnel, the world's longest.

"This is untrue. This is a false report," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying told a media briefing when asked about the report.

China will continue to attach great importance to cross-border river cooperation, she said.

According to the re-



port, the proposed tunnel, which would drop down from the world's highest plateau in multiple sections connected by waterfalls, would provide water in China's largest administrative division, comprising vast swathes of deserts and dry grasslands.

The water would be diverted from the Yarlung Tsangpo River in southern Tibet, which turns into the river Brah-

maputra once it enters India, to the Taklamakan desert in Xinjiang, the report had said.

India as riparian state has already flagged its concerns to China about various dams being built by it on the Brahmaputra river, which is known in China as Yarlung Tsangpo.

Beijing has been assuring India and Bangladesh that its dams were not designed to storing water.

## "Not one piece of evidence" Russia interfered in US elections: Lavrov

Moscow, Oct 31 (AFP):

Russia's foreign minister today said there was no evidence the country had interfered in US elections, after a Washington probe accelerated with charges against three former aides to Donald Trump's presidential campaign.

"We are accused of interfering not only in US elections but also in those of other countries

without one piece of evidence," Sergei Lavrov told reporters in Moscow. Russia has repeatedly denied any attempt to influence the 2016 presidential election.

Yesterday Trump's ex-campaign chairman Paul Manafort and another former aide appeared in court, pleading not guilty to conspiracy against the US, money laundering and several other charges after the

indictments in the Russia probe were unsealed.

At a meeting of the Association of European Businesses, Lavrov also said that the "sometimes unpredictable" actions of the current US administration had caused "serious fears".

He pointed to threats to solve problems over the Korean peninsula by force, as well as Trump's refusal to certify the Iran nuclear deal.



Britain should take Ireland's approach to referendums and rerun the Brexit vote because of the damage it is likely to cause, an Irish government minister has suggested. Agriculture minister Michael Creed told Sky News that a second referendum or viewing last year's result as consultative would be "ideal" for Ireland. Mr Creed said "the obligation for us is to prepare for all the possible scenarios, and they are very challenging scenarios - from the UK falling out, to the closest possible relationship". But he added: "Obviously if (the UK) were to take a leaf from the Irish approach to referenda and either have a rerun or reflect that these referenda in the UK are only consultative that would be ideal from our point of view."

## China asks Pak to bring killers of two Chinese to justice

BEIJING, OCT 31 (PTI):

China today asked Pakistan to bring the killers of two Chinese nationals to justice, a day after DNA tests confirmed the identities of the couple murdered allegedly by Islamic State militants in the restive Balochistan province.

"We hope that Pakistan could continue its all-out efforts to bring the perpetrators to justice," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying told a media briefing here.

Pakistan yesterday said that the DNA reports have confirmed that the two persons killed in Balochistan were the same two Chinese nationals, who were kidnapped from Quetta. Lee Zing Yang, 24, and Meng Li Si, 26, were killed in June - a month after they

were kidnapped from the Jinnah Town area of Quetta on May 24 allegedly by IS militants.

Pakistan later said the two were involved in preaching instead of business activities their declared purpose for visiting Pakistan. The confirmation from the Foreign Office comes months after the Islamic State (IS) militant group claimed responsibility for killing the couple, who had reportedly been "preaching" in Balochistan under the garb of learning Urdu.

Hua said China was in close coordination with Pakistan after learning about the murders. She said China condemns all forms of terrorism and the violent acts on innocent civilians.

"China will cooperate with Pa-

kistan and the international community to enhance counter-terrorism cooperation," she said.

China will always attach high importance to the security and legitimate rights of Chinese citizens overseas, she said, adding that Chinese citizens overseas should take good note of all the alerts being put out the Foreign Ministry.

Chinese interest in Balochistan has spiked in recent years after the announcement of the USD 50 billion China- Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), which plans to connect the Pakistani port of Gwadar to Xinjiang in China.

In the past, China has asked Islamabad to improve security, especially in Balochistan, where it is building the Gwadar Port and funding roads as part of the CPEC.

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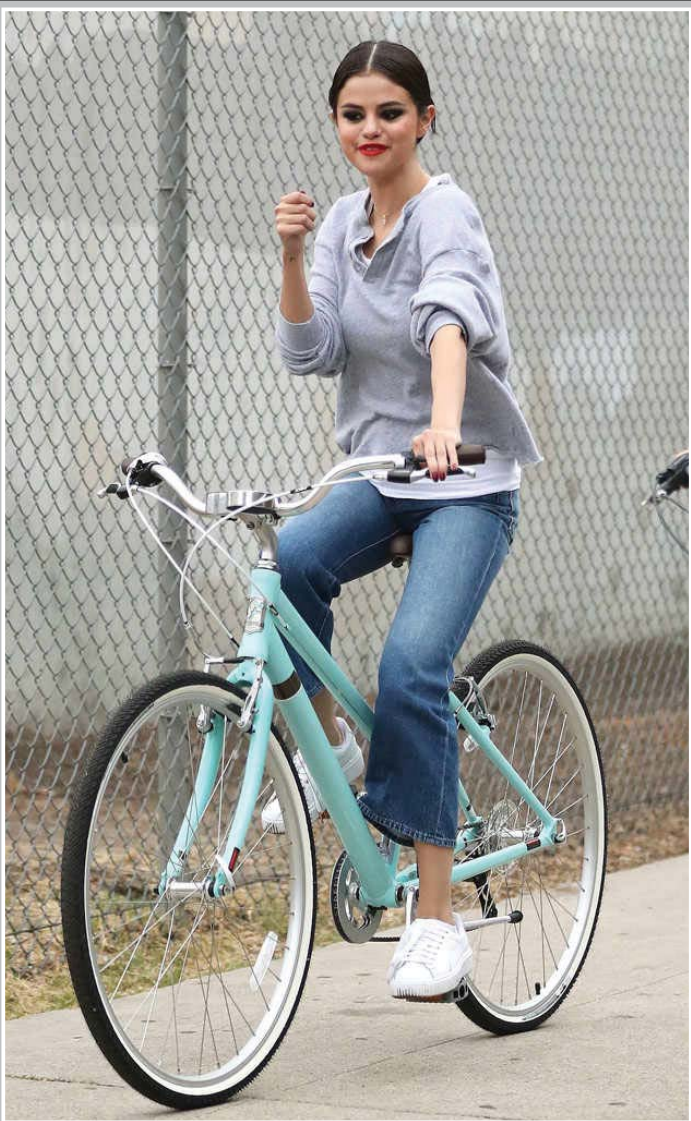
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**PEDAL POWER:** The 'Wolves' singer Selena Gomez goes for a bike ride in Studio City, California.

## BREAK-UPS

# SELENA GOMEZ AND THE WEEKND SPLIT AFTER 10 MONTHS: "IT'S BEEN HARD FOR MONTHS"

Selena Gomez and The Weeknd (real name Abel Tesfaye) have called it quits.

Online news website E! News has confirmed the duo—who started dating in January—have decided to go their separate ways, and it was a decision that was a long time coming. In fact, a source reportedly told that they've been discussing the fate of their relationship since the summer.

"It's been hard for them to come to the realization that this is the direction things were heading, but it's been hard for months," the insider reportedly told E! News.

"They have been open and honest about it and where they were going. Distance definitely played a factor."

Throughout the European leg of The Weeknd's tour, Gomez always made an effort to attend his shows. However, when she began filming in New York and he continued in his tour, things got more difficult.

"They are still talking and will remain friends," our source adds. "They have been very grown-up about it."

The news comes as no major surprise, considering



Gomez's recent hang outs with her ex, Justin Bieber. However, the insider said Bieber "did not play a factor" in Gomez's relationship with The Weeknd coming to an end.

Gomez and Bieber were spotted hanging out at Gomez's home last weekend and again this weekend, grabbing breakfast and attending church together in Westlake Village, Calif.

Meanwhile, Gomez and The Weeknd first sparked dating rumors after they were spotted kissing in Los Angeles in January. After

that, they took their romance public, often photographed showing major PDA at events and dinners across the globe.

They attended Coachella Music and Arts Festival together as well as the 2017 Met Gala. Most recently, the couple shared a sweet moment at New York Fashion Week in September, smooching on the carpet ahead of the Harper's Bazaar party.

The Weeknd previously dated Bella Hadid for a year before they split in Nov. 2016, and Gomez dated Bieber for three years, from 2011 to 2014.

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**VIRGO:** A social event could land

## KEVIN SPACEY'S EMMY AWARD REVOKED OVER SEXUAL HARASSMENT CLAIM



The House Of Cards star was meant to receive the Emmy Founders Award for contributions to the quality of global TV.

Kevin Spacey will no longer receive an Emmy from the International TV Academy after being accused of sexually harassing a teenager. The House Of Cards star was meant to be honoured by the International TV Academy with an Emmy Founders Award in November.

"The International Academy has announced today that in light of recent events it will not honour Kevin Spacey with the 2017 International Emmy Founders Award," the statement said.

The Academy in charge of hosting the annual International Emmy Awards Show has revoked the honour after the actor was accused of making sexual advances to a teenager more than 30 years ago.

Actor Anthony Rapp accused the 58-year-old of picking him up at a party, placing him on his bed and climbing on top of him.

Rapp would have been 14 at the time and Spacey 26.

He said he believed Spacey was "trying to seduce me" and he was "aware that he was trying to get with me sexually".

Spacey issued a statement on Monday saying he did not recall the incident, but apologising for what could have been "deeply inappropriate drunken behaviour".

Spacey also took the opportunity to reveal he is "now living as a gay man", a statement which has attracted criticism from both his Hollywood peers and the gay community.

The backlash after the allegations has been felt around the industry, with Spacey's flagship TV show House Of Cards being discontinued by Netflix following the claims.

"Media Rights Capital and

Netflix are deeply troubled by last night's news concerning Kevin Spacey," the companies' joint statement said.

"In response to last night's revelations, executives from both of our companies arrived in Baltimore this afternoon to meet with our cast and crew to ensure that they continue to feel safe and supported," it added.

"As previously scheduled, Kevin Spacey is not working on set at this time."

London's Old Vic theatre has responded to the allegation made against its former artistic director, saying no complaints were made against Spacey while he was there. Spacey was at the helm of the famous theatre from 2003 until 2015.

The claim comes after the allegations about Harvey Weinstein prompted many people to speak out about their experiences of sexual harassment and abuse. The producer, who denies any accusations made against him, was banned by the Producers Guild Of America on Monday, following similar announcements by the Oscars Academy, the BAFTAs and the BFI.

## THIS WEEK'S TOP 10 SONGS ON BILLBOARD HOT 100

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2. Cardi B- Bodak Yellow [Money Moves]
3. Logic featuring Alessia Cara and Khalid- 1-800-273-8255
4. Portugal. The Man- Feel It Still
5. Imagine Dragons- Thunder
6. Demi Lovato- Sorry Not Sorry
7. Camila Cabello- Havana
8. J Balvin and Willy William's featuring Beyonce- Mi Gente
9. Sam Smith- Too Good At Goodbyes
10. Ed Sheeran- Perfect



## THIS DAY IN HISTORY

01<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER

**1991-** University of Iowa Shootings: Gang Lu a student at the University of Iowa goes on a shooting rampage armed with a .38-caliber revolver and a .22 caliber handgun at the University killing five people on the Iowa campus in Iowa City he then turned the gun on himself and committed suicide.

**1924-** New York is the first state to lift quarantine restrictions on Turkey's from Texas following the foot and mouth outbreak earlier this year. The Texas farmers will be full of joy as we come into Thanksgiving and Christmas.

**2006-** Nelson Mandela is appointed Ambassador of Conscience: Nelson Mandela is awarded Amnesty International's award as Ambassador of Conscience 2006. The former South African president and anti-apartheid campaigner was being praised for his "invincible dedication to the freedom of his people". Mandela also issued a statement on the death of PW Botha, which paid tribute to the former South African President, who died at the age of 90 on October 31st.

**2013-** Germany - Germany to Allow Third Gender:



Germany is the first European country to allow parents of babies who are born with characteristics of both sexes to leave the gender line on birth certificates blank. This was done to alleviate pressure over choosing a gender and performing surgery on intersex newborns that could cause physical and emotional harm throughout their lives. People of the third gender would have it designated by an X on their passports.

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**ARIES:** Some interesting dreams could come to you tonight. Don't be fooled by confusing symbolism. These dreams could shed light on business concerns you've been trying to work out. Make a list of the symbols and see what they're trying to tell you. Then if it makes sense, act on it. Your dreams are probably only revealing what your subconscious has already worked out.

**TAURUS:** A social event, perhaps related to business, could put you in touch with an old friend or two you haven't seen for a long time. You'll have a wonderful time catching up. In fact, you have more in common now than you did before. If you're

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**VIRGO:** A social event could land

to obsess over it. You're doing fine. **SCORPIO:** You look especially attractive today. Your communications skills are good. While romantic matters are low-key, love relationships could still advance. Interesting conversations with your love interest could reveal parts of you that your friend finds intriguing, and bring up interests in common that you didn't know you had. Make the most of it!

**SAGITTARIUS:** Business acquaintances could visit you today. They might stay longer than expected, but this is positive. You'll have a lot of interesting discussions that open up doors to more promising enterprises

and ways to make a success of them. If you get distracted and talk about other things, what does it matter? Relax and enjoy yourself.

**CAPRICORN:** Group activities and other social events should keep you pretty busy. You have a lot of people to see, calls to make, errands to run. This can be a drag, but it's exciting and exhilarating as well. You'll be satisfied with the results. Some of the people should be especially congenial and might become friends. Relax and get busy.

**AQUARIUS:** Career success, particularly involving writing, teaching, and other communication skills, could come your way today. You may not be aware that it's coming, so it could be a bit difficult to handle at first. Still, you've been working toward this goal for a long time, and you'll be glad to hear the news. In the evening, go out with friends to celebrate. You've earned it!

**PISCES:** Have you been trying to learn about a subject for a long time? Have books, lectures, and documentaries on the subject been your primary form of entertainment? Whatever you've been hoping to gain from it could come to you today. If it's a business advantage, you've got it. If it's knowledge for its own sake, you know a lot by now.